

E. S. RIPLEY, EXECUTOR.

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LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS,  
TRANSMITTING A COPY OF THE FINDINGS FILED BY THE  
COURT IN THE CASE OF E. S. RIPLEY, ADMINISTRATOR,  
AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

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JANUARY 21, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on War Claims and ordered to be printed.

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COURT OF CLAIMS, CLERK'S OFFICE,  
*Washington, January 20, 1902.*

SIR: Pursuant to the order of the court I transmit herewith a certified copy of the findings filed by the court in the aforesaid cause, which case was referred to this court by the Committee on War Claims, House of Representatives, under the act of March 3, 1883.

I am, very respectfully, yours, etc.,

JOHN RANDOLPH,  
*Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.*

HON. DAVID B. HENDERSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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[Court of Claims. Congressional, No. 9627. E. S. Ripley, administrator of David S. Ripley, deceased, v. The United States.]

This case, being a claim for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, the court, on a preliminary inquiry, finds that David S. Ripley, deceased, the person alleged to have furnished such supplies or stores, or from whom the same are alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

By THE COURT.

Filed March 18, 1901.

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[Court of Claims. Congressional case No. 9627. E. S. Ripley, administrator of David S. Ripley, deceased, v. The United States.]

STATEMENT OF CASE.

The claim in the above-entitled case for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, was transmitted to the court by the

Committee on War Claims of the House of Representatives on the 29th day of March, 1898.

On a preliminary inquiry the court, on the 18th day of March, 1901, found that the person alleged to have furnished the supplies or stores, or from whom they were alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

The case was brought to a hearing on its merits on the 16th day of December, 1901.

G. W. Z. Black, esq., appeared for claimant, and the Attorney-General, by George M. Anderson, esq., his assistant, and under his direction, appeared for the defense and protection of the interests of the United States.

The claimant in his petition makes the following allegations:

That he is a citizen of the United States, residing in Greene County, State of Tennessee, where his decedent resided during the late war of the rebellion; that at different times during said period the United States forces, by proper authority, took from his decedent quartermaster stores and commissary supplies of the value of \$302.66, and appropriated the same to the use of the United States Army, as follows:

180 bushels of corn, at \$1.....	\$180.00
9,000 pounds of hay, at \$10.....	90.00
98 dozen oats.....	32.66
Total .....	302.66

Taken October, 1863, by General Burnside's command.

The court, upon the evidence and after considering the briefs and arguments of counsel on both sides, makes the following

#### FINDINGS OF FACT.

There was taken from the claimant's decedent, in Greene County, State of Tennessee, during the war of the rebellion, by the military forces of the United States, for the use of the Army, property of the kind and character above described, which was then and there reasonably worth the sum of one hundred and sixty-seven dollars (\$167).

No payment appears to have been made therefor.

BY THE COURT.

Filed January 6, 1902.

A true copy.

Test this 17th day of January, 1902.

[SEAL.]

JOHN RANDOLPH,  
*Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.*